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(54) **Selecting compounds for treatment of Alzheimer's disease**

(57) The invention relates to screening methods which can be used to select pharmaceutically active agents for use in treating Alzheimer's Disease in a patient. In particular the invention relates to a method of screening a panel of pharmaceutical agents in non-neu-

ronal cells taken from an Alzheimer's Disease patient that it is desired to treat, in order to identify which agent is likely to be of most benefit in that patient.

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1. claims: 1-2

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alzheimer using non-neuronal cells and analysing the
regulation of the G1/S transition

2. claims: 3-4

Screening method for drugs to use in the treatment of
alzheimer using SH-Sy5Y neuroblastoma cells and testing for
parameters such as cell survival, apoptosis and different
other parameters

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